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Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: M. Bahar

In re Application of:

Bernward SCHÖLKENS et al.

Application No.: 09/645,556

Filed: August 25, 2000

For: PHARMACEUTICAL

FORMULATIONS AND USE

THEREOF IN THE PREVENTION OF STROKE, DIABETES AND/OR CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of April 9, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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